

HONORING THE LIFE AND
ACHIEVEMENTS OF CHARLES
"TIF" BINGHAM

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. Charles "Tif" Bingham, one of the kindest and most personable individuals I have ever known. He was always thinking of people and was truly concerned about others. His smile and demeanor attracted friends and warmed their spirits.

Tif Bingham graduated from Yale University and then served our country as a captain and fighter pilot in the Marine Corps. In 1960, he

moved to Memphis as a Vice-President for Conwood Corporation.

He was a civic leader, serving as the Executive Director of the Memphis Chamber of Commerce and founder of the Mid-South Parkinson's Disease Foundation.

Tif was one of the founders and Second President of the Memphis In May International Festival, which highlights the best of Memphis culture: music, barbecue, and arts. Each year the festival showcases the best of Memphis and, simultaneously, brings the world to our city, exposing our citizens to people from around the globe, enriching our lives and expanding our horizons.

I have had the pleasure of representing Tif and wife Sandy as constituents of the Ninth District. They were frequent visitors on Capitol Hill and were much loved by those in which they came in contact with. Several members

of Congress as well as Jimmy Miller, Director of Committee Facilities and Travel for the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, wish to express their deepest regrets to the Bingham family.

Tif Bingham was an avid sailor and world traveler. As grandson of U.S. Senator Hiram Bingham, who discovered Machu Picchu, he inherited a curiosity and urge to explore the world, all to be knowledgeable about public affairs. He leaves his wife Sandy Dickey, to whom he was married for 27 years. Sandy loved Tif and was the epitome of "for better or worse". He is also survived by three children, Eleanor Bingham Mallory, Grace Bingham and Charles Bingham and six grandchildren.

Tif Bingham loved life and lived it to the fullest. He enriched the lives of his family, friends and the city of Memphis. He will be sorely missed and always remembered.